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ABSTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE COURT
OF ORDINARY OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, 1692-1700.

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[Most of the records of the Court of Ordinary of the Province of South Carolina (1670-1776) are now kept in the office of the Judge of Probate of Charleston County. Many of the original wills and administration papers were formerly filed there also, but most of these were lost during the State's Rights War and the Reconstruction nightmare. Many records were scattered and some irretrievably lost, but the bulk of them are extant and in that office. During the provincial period the Governor of the Province was Ordinary also, his full title being: "Captain-General, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Province of South Carolina and Ordinary for the same."

The earliest records of the Court of Ordinary were kept in books containing miscellaneous records, but in 1692 a separate volume was given to the records of the Court of Ordinary. This book became mutilated and was rebound many years ago, and the pages were mixed up, and some loose pages of some other volumes were carelessly bound into it and the pagination of the whole volume changed to suit the order, or rather lack of it, produced by the injected pages. The numbers in parentheses after each abstract refer to the renumbered pages of the volume which originally contained only the records of the Court of Ordinary from 1692 to 1700.]

July 20, 1692, Abraham Waight, of the province of Carolina deeded to his son, Abraham Waight, a negro woman named Moll in place of a woman named Rose which had

been bequeathed to him by his aunt, Sarah Waight, late of Carolina, deceased: Witnesses: Richard Baker and John Ladson. (Page 1.)

January 13, 1692-93, Nicholas Townsend and Stephen Williamson, guardians of Shenasan Hill, orphan of Thomas Hill, deceased, entered caveat in behalf of the said orphan to all of the estate of Thomas Hill, late of Carolina, deceased, and asked for letters of administration as next of kin. (Page 2.)

January 15, 1692-93, Mrs. Rachel Sullivan, widow, entered caveat to the personal estate of John Sullivan, deceased, and asked for letters of administration. (Ibid.)

January 25, 1692-93, Mrs. Anne Cartrite, widow, entered caveat to the personal estate of Hugh Cartrite, deceased, and asked for letters of administration. (Ibid.)

March 8, 1692-93, Nicholas Townsend and Stephen Williamson renounced, as guardians of Shenasan Hill, administratorship of the estate of Thomas Hill, deceased, in discharge of the caveat previously entered for that purpose. (Ibid.)

June 6, 1693, Philip Mullins, gentleman, entered caveat to the estate of John Powys, gentleman, deceased, and prayed for letters of administration as principal creditor to the amount of £165. (Ibid.)

June 28, 1693, Ralph Williamson entered his caveat to the estate of John Powys, gentleman, deceased, and prayed for letters of administration for £80. (Ibid.)

June 28, 1693, Christopher Linkley entered caveat to the estate of John Powys, gentleman, deceased, and prayed for letters of administration for £30. (Ibid.)

The same day James Moore, Esq., entered his caveat on the same estate and asked for letters of administration for £75. (Ibid.)

July 30, 1694, Francis Fidling entered his caveat to the estate of Richard Phillips, deceased, and prayed for let-

ters of administration for £40. due on a bond. (Page 2.)
October 6, 1694, John Boyd, Esq., entered his caveat to the estate of Daniel Albert, deceased, and prayed for letters of administration for £60. due for funeral charges. (Page 2.)

March 10, 1694-95, Mrs. Mary Capers, widow, relict of Richard Capers, late of the Province, deceased, entered caveat to the estate of her said deceased husband and prayed for letters of administration thereon. (Page 2.)

April 17, 1695, Christopher Linkley, of Charles Town, entered caveat to the estate of John Meeke, carpenter, deceased, and prayed for letters of administration thereon. (Page 2.)

May 27, 1695, Mrs. Elizabeth Schenckingsh, widow, entered caveat to the estate of her son, Bernard Schenckingsh, son of her deceased husband, Bernard Schenckingsh, Esq., and prayed for letters of administration thereon. (Page 3.)

May 31, 1695, William Smith, Esq., entered caveat to the estate of Bernard Schenckingsh, deceased, son of Bernard Schenckingsh, Esq., late of the Province, deceased, and prayed for letters of administration in right of his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, eldest daughter of said Bernard Schenckingsh, Esq. (Page 3.)

September 9, 1695, William Williams entered caveat to the estate of Richard ———, deceased, and prayed for letters of administration thereon. (Page 3.)

September 16, 1695, notice was given to persons desiring to take out warrants for lands at Sewee that they must notify Sir Nathaniel Johnson. (Page 3.)

March 30, 1696, Mr. Seabrook entered a caveat to the estate of Martin Cobb, late of Colleton County, and asked for letters of administration. (Page 3.)

November 12, 1696, Mrs. Eleanor Barliroun entered a caveat to the estate of Mr. Barliroun, deceased, late of Berkeley County. (Page 3.)

May 10, 1697, Mrs. Margaret Leveinole entered a caveat to the estate of her husband Robert Leverence, deceased. (Page 3.)

June 4, 1697, Walter Snookley entered a caveat to the estate of Robert Leveinole. (Page 3.)

October 23, 1697, Jane Willson, wife of Rafe Willson, entered a caveat to the estate of Philip Mulling, deceased, and prayed for letters of administration for £150.

January 25, 1697 (1698, new style), Joanna Cole, wife of Robert Cole, deceased, entered a caveat to the estate of said Robert and prayed for letters of administration thereon. (Page 3.)

March 22, 1697-98, John Williamson entered caveat to the estate of Isaac Morris and Margaret Morris, alias Copias, and prayed for letters of administration. (Page 4.)

June 25, 1695, Mrs. Barker, in behalf of her husband, Thomas Barker, entered a caveat to the estate of Jane Futthy and prayed for letters of administration. (Page 4.)

March 6, 1698-99, Capt. Thomas Mann in behalf of himself and brother entered caveat to the estate of Joseph Ride, deceased, and prayed for letters of administration. (Page 5.)

March, 6, 1698-99, Landgrave Joseph Morton, as administrator of the estate of John Morton, Esq., entered caveat to the estate of Joseph Ride, deceased, and prayed for letters of administration. (Page 5.)

March 9, 1698-99, James Stanyarne entered caveat to the same estate and asked for letters of administration. (Page 5.)

September 8, 1699, Capt. Thomas Foster entered caveat to the estate of ——— Young and asked for letters of administration. (Page 5.)

October 21, 1699, Henry Wigington entered a caveat to the estate of ——— Harwood, deceased, and asked for letters of administration. (Page 5.)

October 24, 1699, Alice Burgo, executrix, Dove Williamson and Abram Eve entered caveat to the same estate and asked for letters of administration. (Page 5.)

The same day Capt. Thomas Foster entered caveat to the same estate and asked for letters of administration. (Page 5.)

December 7, 1699, Madam Sarah Rhett entered caveat for the guardianship of Mr. Thomas Armory against all persons. (Page 5.)

March 22, 1699-1700, Dr. Henry Bolt entered caveat to the estate of Richard Frampton, deceased, and prayed for letters of administration. The same day he entered a caveat for guardianship of Richard and Mary Frampton, children and orphans of said Richard. (Page 5.)

June 20, 1700, Benjamin Lamboll, one of the executors of ——— Greatbeach, for himself and the other executors, entered a caveat to the estate of Robert Cole, deceased, for £10. and asked for letters of administration. (Page 5.)

October 18, 1692, Governor Ludwell appointed Peter Le Salle, Isaac Callibeauff, Jeremy Cataneau, Jonas Bonnot and Noah Royer, appraisers of the estate of Pierre Berteran, with instructions to make an inventory thereof. (Page 10¹.)

October 26, 1692, Mrs. Honoria Lawson, widow, relict and administratrix of Anthony Lawson, deceased, Jonathan Amory and Richard Capers, gentleman, executed a bond to Governor Ludwell in the sum of £2000. conditioned for the faithful and proper administration of the said estate by the said Honoria. Witness: J. Hobson. (Page 11.)

The same day Governor Ludwell granted letters of administration on the said estate of Anthony Lawson to

¹Pages 6, 7 and 8 blank. Will of Pierre Bertrand, recorded on pp. 9-10, is printed in full in *Transactions of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina*, No. 10, pp. 34-37.

Mrs. Honoria Lawson. (Page 13².)

The same day Governor Ludwell directed Richard Capers, Anthony Shory, Charles Basden, John Lovell and William Smith to make an inventory and appraisement of the said estate. (Page 13.)

January 20, 1689-90, John Mortimor, of Antigua, merchant, acknowledged the receipt of certain goods purchased from Josias DuPre and mentioned on an invoice then submitted by said DuPre. Witnesses: John Meader, John Lovell and Jacques DuPre, who made an affidavit to that effect before Governor Ludwell. Recorded by J. Hobson, December 3, 1692. (Pages 14-15.)

October 14. 1692, Anne Bertrand, of Berkeley County, widow, and executrix of Peter Bertrand, deceased, executed a power of attorney to her "Brother Gabriell Riboleau of Berkley County Cooper." Witnesses: Jonas Bonhoste, Noa Roye and Le Large. Proved before Wm. Smith by oath of Jonas Bonhoste and Noah Roger, February 28, 1693-94. Recorded the same day by John Hamilton, Deputy Secretary. (Page 16)

Will of "Holland Axtell of Carolina Landgrave", made December 17, 1691, and proved before Governor Ludwell, May 4, 1692, gave mother, Rebecca Axtell, a negro man, named Guy, an Indian boy, named Nero, and all his cattle, horses and ready money not otherwise bequeathed; brother-in-law, John Alexander, a diamond ring; brother-in-law, Francis Turgis, two cows, and two calves, his white mare, called Jenny, and her colt, and a silver medal of Olivers Putnor; sister, Ann Alexander, four silver salt cellers; sister, Mary Cuthbert, £5 to buy a ring; Thomas Graves, a cow and calf and a pocket pistol and a hone. Witnesses: B. Waring, Elizabeth Waring and John Stevens. (Page 17.)

²Page 12 blank.

The will of Pierre Perdriau, written in French. (Page 18.³.)

January 10, 1692 (1693, new style), Sarah Hill, widow and administratrix of Thomas Hill, deceased, and Francis Fidling, victualler, and Findla Martin, victualler, gave bond to Governor Ludwell in the sum of £2000. for the faithful execution of the trust of administratrix on the estate of said Thomas Hill. (Page 19.)

November 9, 1692, John Burden, and Edward Broughton, Secretary of the Council of Jamaica, certified that William Prince, master of the sloop Diamond, belonged to subjects of England and requested that he be treated courteously wherever he should go and that he be admitted to any port upon the payment of the customs dues. (Page 20.)

April 27, 1683, Henry Sweeting acknowledged receipt of sundry goods and commodities to the value of £150. 6s. 8d., sterling, first cost as they came out of England, from Gyles Russell, which he agreed to sell in New England. Witnesses: Samuel Atkins and Edward Mayo. Proved by affidavit of Samuel Atkins, before William Dunlop, May 23, 1688. (Page 21.)

February 24, 1692 (1693, N. S.), Governor Ludwell granted letters of administration to Rachel Sullivan, widow of John Sullivan, deceased, on the estate of said John Sullivan. At the same time he directed Thomas Gudgerfield, James Hulbert, John Mell, Thomas Dalton and Burnaby Bull to make an inventory and appraise-ment of the said estate. (Page 22.)

On the same day Mrs. Rachel Sullivan, James Hulbert and Thomas Rose executed their bond to Governor Ludwell in the sum of £2000. for Mrs. Sullivan's faithful performance of the trust of executrix.

³As this will has been published in full, with a translation thereof, in *Transactions of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina*, No. 10 (1903), pp. 41-45, no abstract is given here.

February 10, 1692 (1693), John Clapp, of the city of New York, gentleman, appointed his friend, Jonathan Amory "of Ashley River In the Province of South Carolina Gentleman", his attorney to sue and recover for him the debts due him in South Carolina and to give possession to Mrs. Jane Cliff of the plantation which he had sold her. Witnesses: William Day and Richard Phillip. Proved by William Day, before Governor Smith, May 4, 1692. Recorded by Paul Grimbail, Secretary, April 12, 1694.

In obedience to a warrant of appraisement from the governor bearing date January 3, 1692-93, Jacques Le Serurier, Henry Le Noble and P. la Salle submitted an inventory of the estate of Peter Perdriau, January 30, 1692-93. (Pages 24-25.)

John Pole, in a letter to John Ireland, dated "Bosten: 16 aug^t. 1692", tells him that being master of the "Ketch Mary" he hopes he will endeavor to make the best improvements he can for the advantage of all concerned; that when he arrives at Providence to be sure to settle at the best rate he can command and hasten for Carolina and from thence to Providence again or elsewhere with pork and beef and mind that he purchase three or four good negroes; that if money is convenient to remit some; that if he meets with an opportunity to sell the ketch to do so, &c. &c.—a power of attorney. (Page 26.)

March 10, 1692-93, Mrs. Sarah Hill, administratrix of the estate of Thomas Hill, deceased, Daniel Bullman and John Young, executed their bond to Governor Ludwell in the sum of £2000. for Mrs. Hill's faithful execution of the trust of administratrix. Witnesses: Nicholas Townsend and Stephen Williamson. (Page 27.)

March 9, 1692-93, Governor Ludwell granted Mrs. Sarah Hill letters of administration on the estate of Thomas Hill, her deceased husband.

At the same time he appointed William White, John Miles, Richard Butler, Leonard Hiskman and George Bentlett appraisers thereof, directing them to make an inventory of the same. (Page 28.)

March 31, 1693, Thomas Elmes, administrator with the will annexed of Job Bishop, planter, deceased, Thomas Rose and Nicholas Marden, victualler, executed a bond to Governor Ludwell in the sum of £2000. for the faithful execution by Elmes of the trust of administrator of said estate. (Page 29.)

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